

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for triggering restraint devices (17), the apparatus featuring crash sensors (10, 12, 13, 14) inside and outside of a control unit (11) and being configured in such a way that the apparatus checks the crash signal with the aid of a plausibility signal, wherein the apparatus is configured in such a way that the apparatus uses the plausibility signal from a vehicle sensor (15, 16) outside of the control unit (11) for checking the crash signal and then triggers the restraint devices (17) as a function of the crash signal and the plausibility signal.
2. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus receives the plausibility signal from a vehicle dynamics control system (15).
3. The apparatus as recited in Claim 2, wherein the first plausibility signal from the vehicle dynamics control system (15) is used for plausibilizing the crash signal of a side-impact sensor (10, 14).
4. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus receives the first plausibility signal from a knock control system (16).
5. The apparatus as recited in Claim 4, wherein the knock control system (16) analyzes a structure-borne sound signal for the presence of a crash signature and generates the first plausibility signal as a function of the crash signature.
6. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus generates a second plausibility signal via at

least one of the crash sensors (10, 12, 13, 14) and triggers the restraint devices as a function of the crash signal and the first or second plausibility signal.